

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the subject application. The Examiner rejects these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over “the admitted prior art in view of Li et al. (US 2003/0001784 A1).” The Examiner also rejects claims 4-11 and 15-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over “the admitted prior art in view of Li et al. (US 2003/0001784 A1) and further in view of Trikha et al. (US 6,072,993).”

The above rejections are respectfully disagreed with and are traversed below.

Applicant initially points out that the afore-referenced Li et al. reference, which is commonly owned with the subject application, is also the publication of the application issuing as US 6,496,150. In a prior Office Action dated June 10, 2004, the Examiner issued an obviousness-type double patenting rejection based on US Patent 6,496,150 to Li et al. Applicant filed a terminal disclaimer on August 4, 2004, which obviated this rejection.

In a telephone discussion with Examiner Nguyen on August 2, 2005, the undersigned informed the Examiner of the foregoing. The Examiner reviewed this information and then advised Applicant to submit a response to the outstanding Action including the foregoing information and the Examiner would withdraw the rejections based upon Li et al. (US 2003/0001784 A1). Applicant thanks the Examiner for his prompt attention to this matter.

Accordingly, it is respectfully asserted that the above rejections, which are all based on Li et al. (2003/0001784) should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

All issues having been addressed, the subject application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, an early notification of the allowance of

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claims 1-22 is earnestly solicited.

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